

## Penn State picks Ag Arena plans

MONACA, Pa. — Sketch plans for the proposed Agricultural Arena at Penn State were approved by the University Board of Trustees.

The plans, by the architectural firm of Dagit and Saylor of Philadelphia, call for a building with an earthen arena floor of 90 by 180 feet. It will seat 600 and have office and storage facilities.

"The Agricultural Arena will be used for student resident in-

struction activities in the University's College of Agriculture. These include the annual horticulture show and various animal shows," said Robert A. Patterson, senior vice president for finance and operations.

"It will also be available for use by the general agricultural community in Pennsylvania."

Such a facility is needed, he said, to provide a central location for

activities that are now scattered throughout the campus and are sometimes spoiled by bad weather.

The building will be located near Beaver Stadium, adjacent to the Meat Animal Evaluation Center. It will be next to the proposed Park Avenue connector road to the State College bypass, a route that eventually could become a major access way to the University Park Campus.

The Agricultural Arena is ex-

pected to cost approximately \$900,000 with the funds coming from private gifts. An 18-member Ag Arena Campaign Committee, comprised of alumni and friends of the University and chaired by University Trustee Obie Snider of Imler, is engaged in the fund-raising effort.

In addition, the Penn State Fund Council and the Ag Alumni Society are involved with the effort.

The next steps in the process are submission of preliminary plans and then final plans for the building, Patterson says. If there are no serious delays, construction could begin in the spring of 1983.

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